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THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
UNITED NATIONSTwo Park Avenue,
New York 16, New York,
January 29, 1957.PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Foster:

The arrival of the King of Saudi Arabia prompts the following two thoughts:

1. The City of New York and the State of New York should no longer have anything to do with receiving official visitors. In my more than four years here it has become all too clear that these visits are used in connection with local political ambitions -- either by the type of boycott which we have had in the case of the King of Saudi Arabia, or else by conducting official City functions and running them in such a way as to advance local political interests, thereby making an extremely bad impression on foreigners. Under our Constitution, neither the City of New York nor the State of New York have any place in foreign relations at all. It is the province of the Federal Government. I understand that the habit grew up because, thirty years ago, it was impossible to get enough money out of Washington to hire the necessary limousines. Surely we have progressed to the point where the United States Government can undertake this whole thing.

2. The arrival of the King was, I am sure, pleasing to him, which is the all-important thing. But there was a total lack of direction and great confusion on the Pier. The responsible State Department officer was on board the cruiser, which obviously made it impossible for him to be on the Pier at the same time. The result was that the newspaper men broke through and crowded around the King in such a way as to make it impossible for him to move. Also, there was no one from the State Department to assume direction of the ceremony, including my part in it.

I am not criticizing anyone. In fact Mr. Purse of the State Department (who was with the King) and the Navy did their parts excellently and deserve high praise. My instructions were limited

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The Honorable
John Foster Dulles,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

/s/
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

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to being present and to being polite. I could not, of course, handle the ceremony. In fact this type of activity is obviously something which I cannot undertake, although I was glad to take part as I did in this instance. No doubt the mistakes this morning were due to the fact that this was the first time, but they should not happen again.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that a fixed policy be developed and an organization be created in the State Department to handle these official visits in the future. Perhaps an Assistant Secretary should handle Kings and other Chiefs of State could be handled by the Chief of Protocol.

Yours sincerely,


Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

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February 1, 1957

Dear Cabot:

Thanks for your letter of the twenty-ninth. I know that your participation in the arrival ceremonies made an important impression on King Saud.

I also realize that there were many deficiencies in this procedure and I am seeing that immediate steps are taken to develop a better system.

Sincerely yours,

S/ Foster

John Foster Dulles

The Honorable
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.
The Representative of the United
States of America to the United Nations
New York

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